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SUBJECT: ANGOLA: HOLDING THE LINE

REF: (A) MONROVIA 7635, (B) MONROVIA 7634, (C) STATE 299944,
(D) MONROVIA 6263

1. U.S. ROLE IN ANGOLA HAS BEEN MATTER OF SPECULATION HERE FOR SOME TIME. IN RESPONSE TO PRESIDENT TOLBERT'S INQUIRY AMBASSADOR MANFULL SAID HE WAS UNINFORMED (REF D).

2. STATE 299336 AND STATE 299796 REPORT U.S. PRESS STORIES ON U.S. AID TO ANGOLA. IT IS A PRACTICAL CERTAINTY THAT GOL IS NOW AWARE OF THOSE STORIES OR SOON WILL BE. AT SAME TIME, I HAVE BEEN INSTRUCT-ED TO APPROACH GOL AT HIGHEST LEVEL, AND HAVE DONE SO, TO ENCOURAGE GOL TO HELP HOLD LINE ON ANGOLA, ESPECIALLY IN REFERENCE TO UP-COMING OAU MEETINGS.

3. BEFORE THESE MEETINGS FOREIGN MINISTER DENNIS AND PRESIDENT TOLBERT WILL UNDOUBTEDLY WANT TO HAVE EXACT INFORMATION ON U.S. ROLE IN ANGOLA. I BELIEVE THAT THEY WILL TAKE MY APPROACH PER STATE 299944 AS JUSTIFYING THEIR BEING BRIEFED. ACCORDINGLY, I ANTICIPATE THAT I WILL BE CALLED UPON TO SUPPLY THIS INFORMATION.

4. AT THIS STAGE I DO NOT BELIEVE I CAN CONTINUE WITH AMBASSADOR MANFULL'S I-DON'T-KNOW LINE. THE PRESS STORIES REFERRED TO RAISE THE NECESSITY FOR AN OFFICIAL EXPLANATION. AND MY APPROACH ON IN-
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STRUCTIONS WILL HAVE SUGGESTED THAT I HAVE THE INFORMATION AND

MAY IMPART IT. REQUEST DEPARTMENT'S INSTRUCTIONS ON HOW TO RESPOND TO ANY SUCH REQUEST FOR BRIEFING ON U.S. AID TO ANGOLA.
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